

equal to 5% of said base pay for the first three years of service, 10% for the second three years and so on until the total of his years of service is twenty-four; and after he has had twenty-four years of service, his longevity pay shall continue to be 40% of whatever his base pay may be thereafter, from time to time. Such amount shall be paid to him simultaneously with his base pay. Any increase or decrease in base pay, received in any month of any such three year period by reason of promotion, demotion or otherwise shall be taken into account in determining the longevity pay receivable by any such employee and, in figuring the same, the 5%, or multiple or multiples thereof, as the case may be, shall be taken of the increased or decreased base pay. In calculating longevity pay for those who are police employees of the Department on the effective date of this Act, the years of service rendered by each such employee to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and/or to the Department prior to the beginning of the fiscal year ending in 1944 and to the Department thereafter shall be taken into account.

Every police employee retired on pension under the provisions of this Article shall be paid a pension determined by using the base pay, set forth in this section, exclusive of the longevity pay herein provided for, and all contributions made by such police employee to the pension fund of said Department shall be made from said base pay, exclusive of said longevity pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Police", said new section to be known as Section 5A, to follow immediately after Section 5 of said Article and to read as follows:

5A. Nothing in Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), or in any amendment thereof, shall be construed to authorize the State Employees Standard Salary Board to reduce the pay or salaries or change the ranks or grades of any police employee of the Department as fixed or provided in this Article or to reduce, limit or change in any way the statutory powers of the Superintendent of the Department as provided in this Article; and nothing in any pay plan or amendment or amendments thereto, now or hereafter in effect under Section 16 of said Article 64A, or in any rule or regulation, now or hereafter in effect under Section 17 of said Article 64A, shall apply to the police employees of said Department. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to deprive police employees of the benefits of bonuses or of allowances for the payment of expenses, lodging and subsistence provided for in Section 17 of this Article. The pay and status of all em-